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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Section (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| Application Number     | 09/223,046         |
| Filing Date            | December 30, 1998  |
| First Named Inventor   | Timothy Van Hook   |
| Group Art Unit         | 2154               |
| Examiner Name          | Donaghue, Larry D. |
| Attorney Docket Number | 0056.10US          |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule 35 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

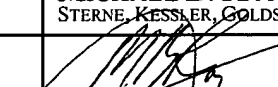
## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-0036
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- c. ☒ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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| Signature         |  | Date                              | 4/24/03 |

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL  
for FY 2003**

Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$750.00)****Complete if Known**

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☐ Deposit Account  
 Deposit Account Number 19-0036

Deposit Account Name: Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein &amp; Fox P.L.L.C.

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**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity Small Entity

| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Description        | Fee Paid |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------------------|----------|
| 1001     | 750      | 2001     | 375      | Utility filing fee     |          |
| 1002     | 330      | 2002     | 165      | Design filing fee      |          |
| 1003     | 520      | 2003     | 260      | Plant filing fee       |          |
| 1004     | 750      | 2004     | 375      | Reissue filing fee     |          |
| 1105     | 160      | 2005     | 80       | Provisional filing fee |          |

**SUBTOTAL (1) (\$0.00)****2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

|   | Extra | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|---|-------|----------------|----------|
| Total Claims _____ - 20** = _____ X _____ = _____ |       |                |          |
| Indep. Claims _____ - 3** = _____ X _____ = _____ |       |                |          |
| Multiple Dependent _____ = _____                  |       |                |          |

Large Entity Small Entity

| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Description   |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|---|
| 1202     | 18       | 2202     | 9        | Claims in excess of 20                                    |
| 1201     | 84       | 2201     | 42       | Independent claims in excess of 3                         |
| 1203     | 280      | 2203     | 140      | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                     |
| 1204     | 84       | 2204     | 42       | **Reissue independent claims over original patent         |
| 1205     | 18       | 2205     | 9        | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

**SUBTOTAL (2) (\$0.00)**

\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissue, see above

**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

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| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Description  | Fee Paid |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|--|----------|
| 1051     | 130      | 2051     | 65       | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath  |          |
| 1502     | 50       | 2052     | 25       | Surcharge-late provisional filing fee or cover sheet                       |          |
| 1053     | 130      | 1053     | 130      | Non-English specification  |          |
| 1812     | 2,520    | 1812     | 2,520    | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination                     |          |
| 1804     | 920*     | 1804     | 920*     | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |          |
| 1805     | 1,840*   | 1805     | 1,840*   | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |          |
| 1251     | 110      | 2251     | 55       | Extension for reply within first month                                     |          |
| 1252     | 410      | 2252     | 205      | Extension for reply within second month                                    |          |
| 1253     | 930      | 2253     | 465      | Extension for reply within third month                                     |          |
| 1254     | 1,450    | 2254     | 725      | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    |          |
| 1255     | 1,970    | 2255     | 985      | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |          |
| 1401     | 320      | 2401     | 160      | Notice of Appeal   |          |
| 1402     | 320      | 2402     | 160      | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |          |
| 1403     | 280      | 2403     | 140      | Request for oral hearing   |          |
| 1451     | 1,510    | 1451     | 1,510    | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |          |
| 1452     | 110      | 2452     | 55       | Petition to revive - unavoidable   |          |
| 1453     | 1,300    | 2453     | 650      | Petition to revive - unintentional   |          |
| 1501     | 1,300    | 2501     | 650      | Utility issue fee (or reissue)   |          |
| 1502     | 470      | 2502     | 235      | Design issue fee   |          |
| 1503     | 630      | 2503     | 315      | Plant issue fee  |          |
| 1460     | 130      | 1460     | 130      | Petitions to the Commissioner  |          |
| 1807     | 50       | 1807     | 50       | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)  |          |
| 1806     | 180      | 1806     | 180      | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt                                  |          |
| 8021     | 40       | 8021     | 40       | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |          |
| 1809     | 750      | 2809     | 375      | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))                |          |
| 1810     | 750      | 2810     | 375      | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))             |          |
| 1801     | 750      | 2801     | 375      | Request for Continued Examination (RCE)                                    | 750.00   |
| 1802     | 900      | 1802     | 900      | Request for expedited examination of a design application                  |          |

Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\* Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

**SUBTOTAL (3) (\$750.00)****SUBMITTED BY**

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